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include payment of the first year's rental and the processing fee for noncompetitive lease applications found in the fee schedule in §3000.12 of this chapter. The original and 2 copies of each offer to lease, with each copy showing that the original has been signed, shall be filed in the proper BLM office. A noncompetitive offer to lease a future interest applied for under §3110.9 must include the processing fee for noncompetitive lease applications found in the fee schedule in §3000.12 of this chapter. Where remittances for offers are returned for insufficient funds, the offer shall not obtain priority of filing until the date the remittance is properly made.

(b) Where a correction to an offer is made, whether at the option of the offeror or at the request of the authorized officer, it shall gain priority as of the date the filing is correct and complete. The priority that existed before the date the corrected offer is filed, may be defeated by an intervening offer to the extent of any conflict in such offers, except as provided under §§3103.2-1(a) and 3110.3-3(c) of this title.

(c) An offer shall be limited to either public domain minerals or acquired lands minerals, subject to the provisions for corrections under paragraph (b) of this section.

(d) Compliance with subpart 3102 shall be required.

(e) All offers for leases should name the United States agency from which consent to the issuance of a lease shall be obtained, or the agency that may have title records covering the ownership for the mineral interest involved, and identify the project, if any, of which the lands covered by the offer are a part.

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§ 3110.5 Description of lands in offer.

§ 3110.5-1 Parcel number description.

From the first day following the end of a competitive process until the end of that same month, the only acceptable description for a noncompetitive lease offer for the lands covered by that competitive process shall be the parcel number on the List of Lands Available for Competitive Nominations

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or the Notice of Competitive Lease Sale, whichever is appropriate. Each such offer shall contain only a single parcel. Thereafter, the description of the lands shall be made in accordance with the remainder of this section.

§ 3110.5-2 Public domain.

(a) If the lands have been surveyed under the public land rectangular survey system, each offer shall describe the lands by legal subdivision, section, township, range, and, if needed, meridian.

(b) If the lands have not been surveyed under the public land rectangular system, each offer shall describe the lands by metes and bounds, giving courses and distances between the successive angle points on the boundary of the tract, and connected by courses and distances to an official corner of the public land surveys.

(c) When protracted surveys have been approved and the effective date thereof published in the FEDERAL REGISTER, all offers to lease lands shown on such protracted surveys, filed on or after such effective date, shall describe the lands in the same manner as provided in paragraph (a) of this section for officially surveyed lands.

(d)(1) Where offers are pending for unsurveyed lands that are subsequently surveyed or protracted before the lease issuance, the description in the lease shall be conformed to the subdivisions of the approved protracted survey or the public land survey, whichever is appropriate.

(2) The description of lands in an existing lease shall be conformed to a subsequent resurvey or amended protraction survey, whichever is appropriate.

(e) The requirements of this section shall apply to applications for conversion of abandoned unpatented oil placer mining claims made under §3108.2-4 of this title, except that deficiencies shall be curable.

§ 3110.5-3 Acquired lands.

(a) If the lands applied for lie within and conform to the rectangular system of public land surveys and constitute either all or a portion of the tract acquired by the United States, such lands shall be described by legal subdivision,

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section, township, range, and, if needed, meridian.

(b) If the lands applied for do not conform to the rectangular system of public land surveys, but lie within an area of the public land surveys and constitute the entire tract acquired by the United States, such lands shall be described by metes and bounds, giving courses and distances between the successive angle points with appropriate ties to the nearest official survey corner, or a copy of the deed or other conveyance document by which the United States acquired title to the lands may be attached to the offer and referred to therein in lieu of redescribing the lands on the offer form. If the desired lands constitute less than the entire tract acquired by the United States, such lands shall be described by metes and bounds, giving courses and distances between the successive angle points with appropriate ties to the nearest official survey corner. If a portion of the boundary of the desired lands coincides with the boundary in the deed or other conveyance document, that boundary need not be redescribed on the offer form, provided that a copy of the deed or other conveyance document upon which the coinciding description is clearly identified is attached to the offer. That portion of the description not coinciding shall be tied by description on the offer by courses and distances between successive angle points into the description in the deed or other conveyance document.

(c) If the lands applied for lie outside an area of the public land surveys and constitute the entire tract acquired by the United States, such lands shall be described as in the deed or other conveyance document by which the United States acquired title to the lands, or a copy of that document may be attached to the offer and referred to therein in lieu of redescribing the lands on the offer form. If the desired lands constitute less than the entire tract acquired by the United States, such lands shall be described by courses and distances between successive angle points tying by courses and distances into the description in the deed or other conveyance document. If a portion of the boundary of the desired lands coincides with the boundary in

the deed or other conveyance document, that boundary need not be redescribed on the offer form, provided that a copy of the deed or other conveyance document upon which the coinciding description is clearly identified is attached to the offer. That portion of the description not coinciding shall be tied by description in the offer by courses and distances between successive angle points into the description in the deed or other conveyance document.

(d) Where the acquiring agency has assigned an acquisition or tract number covering the lands applied for, without loss of priority to the offeror, the authorized officer may require that number in addition to any description otherwise required by this section. If the authorized officer determines that the acquisition or tract number, together with identification of the State and county, constitutes an adequate description, the authorized officer may allow the description in this manner in lieu of other descriptions required by this section.

(e) Where the lands applied for do not conform to the rectangular system of public land surveys, without loss of priority to the offeror, the authorized officer may require 3 copies of a map upon which the location of the desired lands are clearly marked with respect to the administrative unit or project of which they are a part.

§3110.5-4 Accreted lands.

Where an offer includes any accreted lands, the accreted lands shall be described by metes and bounds, giving courses and distances between the successive angle points on the boundary of the tract, and connected by courses and distances to an angle point on the perimeter of the tract to which the accretions appertain.

§3110.5-5 Conflicting descriptions.

If there is any variation in the land description among the required copies of the official forms, the copy showing the date and time of receipt in the proper BLM office shall control.

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